Cr *D. Claude, Esq., Treasurer of Maryland, in account with Benj. I. Cohen & Son, Baltimore.*

1844.			
Dec. 1.	By balance, - - - -		$1,068 73
	Sale of Certificates of 1842, viz:		
	$1,276 00 at 70 - -	$893 20	
	25 00 at 71 - -	17 75	
	43 00 at 72 - -	31 32	
			942 27
	1,344 50		
	665 33 on hand,		
	2,009 83		
	Sales of Certificates of 1844,		
	$77 00 at 78 - -	60 06	
	190 50 at 77 - -	146 69	
	737 47 at 76 - -	560 48	
	4,933 15 at 75 - -	3,699 86	
	441 50 at 74½ - -	328 91	
			4,796 00
	6,379 62		
	1,000 00 del'd. to Johnston & Lee.		6,807 00
	7,540 36 at Loan office,		
	4,687 34 on hand,		
	19,607 32		
	1844.		
	Bal'e. on hand 1 Dec. $1,106 00		
	Rec'd. fm. B'k of Balt. 2,475 21		
	Order on Com. Loans, 16,026 11		
	$19,607 32		
1845.			
Jan. 1.	By balance, - - - -		3,144 14

E. & O. E. *Baltimore, January* 1, 1845.

BENJ. I. COHEN & SON.

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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
February 7, 1845.

Read and ordered to be printed.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,

RELATIVE TO THE

Expediency of appropriating the Free Schools' Fund

TO THE

INCREASE OF THE SINKING FUND, &c.

In obedience to orders of the House of Delegates.

REPORT.

The committee on Education to whom was referrred the orders of the House: 1st, to enquire into the expediency of appropriating the fund now devoted to free schools, to the increase of the sinking fund, or to the payment of the interest on the public debt,—and 2nd to report all sums of money annually paid out of the Treasury to colleges, academies and free schools, distinguishing each particular fund, and the several institutions which share therein, and the several acts of assembly authorising such appropriations: and also to report their opinion as to the expediency of appropriating for a limited time all such funds or a part thereof to the increase of the sinking fund, or to the payment of the interest on the public debt; having carefully considered the subjects embraced by these orders respectfully report to the House: That in the opinion of the committee it would be inexpedient and unjust to divert the fund or any part of it, which is now devoted to the support or aid of free schools, even if it is within the power of the legislature, which question the committee think it is not now necessary to consider or discuss. The fund appropriated to free schools, which is now the subject of inquiry under the order of the House, arises from the bonus or tax on bank stocks, and is secured to the counties by the same tenure by which the banks hold their charters; and also from 34,069$\frac{56}{100}$ dollars, deducting therefrom one thousand dollars to the education of the indigent blind, of the receipts of the Washington and Baltimore Rail Road, which was substituted by the act of 1839, chapter 33, for so much of the interest on the surplus revenue received from the General Government which had been pledged to the support of free schools and used for the payment of the interest on the public debt.

The committee also report, the sums annually paid to colleges and academies, and herewith submit a tabular statement, shewing the sums paid to each institution and the several Acts of Assembly authorising such appropriations.

It would not be in the power of the committee, to ascertain what amount is paid to each free school in the State, or the Acts of Assembly under which such appropriations have been made, as each county has a distinct system, and manages and applies their respective proportions of the free school fund, according to the discretion of their local and municipal authorities.

In submitting their opinion as to the expediency of appropriating the fund now applied to colleges and academies, to the payment of interest on the public debt, or in augmentation of the sinking fund, the committee deem it only necessary to say, rhat the sum thus applied would be of but little service in paying the interest on the State debt, while the evil which might result to the State by closing even for a time the doors of our colleges and academies would be incalculable. The only guarantee which we have for the preservation of our institutions, and our republican form of government is the intelligence and virtue of our people. And the committee think it would be unwise economy, to withhold the small sum thus applied—many of our children are now educated at home, who without such institutions would be compelled to seek the means of education abroad.

And the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN HUGHES, Chairman.

A STATEMENT,

Showing the annual Donations of the State of Maryland to Colleges, Academies and Schools.

The Visitors of Allegany County School, per Res. No. 31 of 1831, ...		800 00
The Trustees of Govanstown Academy, in Baltimore county, per Res. No. 35 of 1842, .	160 00	
The Trustees of Hereford Academy, in Baltimore county, per Res. No. 35 of 1842. . .	160 00	
The Trustees of Saint James Academy, in Baltimore county, per Res. No. 35 of 1842, .	160 00	
The Trustees of Franklin Academy, in Baltimore county, per Res. No. 35 of 1842, . .	160 00	
The Trustees of the Powell Run Academy, in Baltimore county, per Res. No 35 of 1842, .	160 00	
		800 00
The Trustees of the Freedom Academy, in Carroll county, per ch. 184 of 1842, . .	100 00	
The Trustees of Deer Creek Academy, in Carroll county, per ch. 111 of 1839, . . .	100 00	
The Trustees of the Manchester Academy, in Carroll county, per ch. 111 of 1839, . .	200 00	
The Union Town Academy, in Carroll county, per ch. 111 of 1839, ...	150 00	
The Trustees of the Clover Hill Academy, in Carroll county, per ch. 111 of 1839, . .	100 00	
The Trustees of Carroll Academy, in Carroll county, per ch. 111 of 1839, ...	150 00	
		800 00
The Judges of the Orphans' Court of Caroline county, per Res. No. 34 of 1831, . .		800 00
The Trustees of West Nottingham Academy, in Cecil county, per Res. 53 of 1815, . .	500 00	
The Trustees of the Elkton Academy, in Cecil county, per Res. No. 4, of 1817, . . .	300 00	
		800 00
The Lower Marlbro' Academy, in Calvert county, per Res. No. 50 of 1837, . . .	267 00	
The Prince Frederick Town Academy, in Calvert county, per Res. No. 50 of 1837, . .	267 00	
The Battle Creek Academy, in Calvert county, per Res. No. 20 of 1842, ...	133 00	

STATEMENT.—(Continued.)

The Island Creek Academy, in Calvert county, per Res. No. 20 of 1842,	133 00	
		800 00
The Trustees of Charlotte Hall School, in Charles and St. Mary's, per ch. 204 of 1835,		1,600 00
The Cambridge Academy, in Dorchester county, per Res. No. 34 of 1831,	571 43	
The New Market Academy, in Dorchester county, per Res. No. 34 of 1831,	228 57	
		800 00
Jno. McElroy, Principal of St. John's Literary Institution of Frederick, per Res. No 1 of 1832		400 00
Frederick County School—now College, per ch. 107 of 1798,		800 00
The Abingdon Academy, in Harford county, per Res. No. 41 of 1837,	150 00	
The Harford County Academy, in Harford county, per Res. No. 59 of 1815,	500 00	
The Darlington Academy, in Harford county, per Res. No. 91 of 1835,	150 00	
		800 00
The Washington College, in Kent county, per Res. No. 64, of 1834,	500 00	
The Millington Academy, in Kent county, per Res. No. 35 of 1839,	200 00	
The Sherwsbury Academy, in Kent county, per Res. No. 35 of 1839,	100 00	
		800 00
The Rockville Academy, in Montgomery county, per Res. No. 52 of 1811,	800 00	
The Brookville Academy, in Montgomery county, per Res. No. 84 of 1834,	200 00	
		1,000 00
The Upper Marlbro' Academy, in Prince George's county, per ch. 204 of 1835,		800 00
The Centreville Academy, in Queen Ann's county, per Res. No. 72 of 1835,	600 00	
The Church Hill Academy, in Queen Ann's county, per Res. No. 72 of 1835,	200 00	
		800 00
The Washington Academy, in Somerset county, per ch. 107 of 1798,		800 00

The Easton Academy, in Talbot county, per ch. 107 of 1798,		800 00
The Union Academy, in Worcester county, per ch. 91 of 1843,	300 00	
The Buckingham Academy, in Worcester county, per ch. 91 of 1843,	300 00	
The New Town Academy, in Worcester county, per ch. 91 of 1843,	200 00	
		800 00
Saint John's College, Annapolis, per Res. No. 41 of 1832,		3,000 00
The Hagerstown Academy, in Washington county, per Res. No. 46 of 1811,		800 00
The Patapsco Female Institution, in Anne Arundel county, per Res. No. 38 of 1835,		800 00
		$19,600 00

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